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Some Initiatives in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for Youth in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) and the Republic of the Philippines (RP)

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Abstract

According to the United Nations, there will be 1.222 billion youth (15-24 y) by 2025, which represents 16.5% of the total global population. This paper focuses on some of the initiatives taken to promote science and technology (S&T) for youths in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), West Indies and the Republic of the Philippines (RP). It includes the definition and importance of youth, role of science, technology and innovation for youth development, appreciation of S&T by youth and some initiatives for youth development through science, technology and innovation in T&T and RP. In both countries, the frontier bodies such as the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education through the National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST, T&T) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Philippines Youth Commission (PYC) have been enhancing learning in science and technology for youths through strengthening of learning institutions such as schools, universities, government research organizations, firms and community-level technology diffusion initiatives.